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April 5, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A; KINGS DOME FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

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Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and to the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A; all in the Kings Dome Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To authorize Applicant to designate and utilize its Pardee 27 No. 1 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as the unit well for CV RA SUC in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 1464-D, effective March 11, 2003.
- 2. To find that designation and use of the Pardee 27 No. 1 Well as the unit well for CV RA SUC is necessary to prevent waste, avoid the drilling of an unnecessary well and to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SUC which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
  - 3. To designate Applicant as Operator of CV RA SUC.
- 4. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A; or any combination thereof, in the wellbore of the El Paso Production Company--Pardee 27 No. 1 Well and in the wellbore of all future wells located on the identical units designated CV RA SUC, HOSS RA SUC and ROD RA SUC in which the interests in the units are identical.
  - 5. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Kings Dome Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1464-D, effective March 11, 2003.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Kings Dome Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1464-C, effective March 11, 2003.

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The Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A, in the Kings Dome Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1464, effective March 11, 2003.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Kings Dome Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is

enclosed.

David L. Smelley

Yours very truly,

Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS/pk Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

Mr. Lew Duff (w/encls.) Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.) Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.) Interested Owners, Represented

Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

